GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCHEDULED CASTES CANDIDATES

278. SRI S. R. SHANMUGAM (K.G.F.):—

Will the Minister for Social Welfare be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reasons for the grant of Scholarships to the Scheduled Castes students at the end of the year;

(*b*) the difficulty, if any, in granting the scholarships before November each year?

SRI V. L. PATIL (Minister for Social Welfare):—

(*a*) According to the rules in force for the award of Scholarships to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and other Backward Classes students, the list of all the eligible applicants has to be prepared and placed before the Scholarship Committee for its consideration before 15th August of every year. The Committee is expected to award scholarships without any delay. The Institutions do not adhere to the time Schedule and sometimes the meetings are postponed for various reasons.

(*b*) Instructions are being issued to grant scholarships as early as possible and in any case not later than 31st October every year.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—Sir, you said that you would give me an opportunity for a personal explanation in the matter.

When I was asking the Hon. Deputy Minister a supplementary question, I was pin-pointing only one point namely whether the Government have anything to say from that file about that nomination or whether it was purely the discretion of the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor. I dit not even refer to the question whether A or B was a defeated candidate or anything of the sort. Then suddenly one member of this House gets up and says that I was a defeated man and was nominated to the Khadi Board. I really wanted to know what he was meaning thereby.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER :—Why does hon. member to refer to a matter which not recorded ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—If it is not recorded, then it will come in the papers. We do not know whether it has not been recorded ? You have not expunged it. Therefore the papers will publish it. Last time the same member spoke for two hours and it was expunged.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER :—It has been verified. It has not been recorded If it is not recorned in the proceedings, I do not thinb the papers will also publish,

SRI H, SIDDAVEERAPPA :—I really do not know because the Chair has not ordered that it should be expunged. Therefore I am under the impression that it was recorded and papers might publish it. If you say that that is expunged then it is a different matter. I have nothing to say against them.

SRI AZIZ SAIT :—Sir, if the hon. Member yields, I have some information which I want to verify. I made enquiries why this hon. Member is taking so much trouble to defend the Government on the floor of the House and I was told that he has been assured the post of a district judge, Is it a fact, I want to know.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA :—If the Chair says that what he said is not placed on record, I keep quiet.

MR, DEPUTY SPEAKER :- I now pass on to the next item, Sri V. N. Patil to call the attention of the Government.

SRI K. H. PATIL :—Now that the hon Minister for Education has come, he may be permitted to answer Sir,

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA :—If I am permitted I can answer sir,

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER :- I have passed on to the next item.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re: Damages due to heavy Rains in Gulbarga & Bidar Districts.

Sri V. N. Patil:—(Humnabad) under rule 63 I call the attention of the hon. Minister for Revenue regarding damages caused by the heavy rains in Gulbarga and Bidar Districts.

Sri H. V. Koujalgi: (Minister for Revenue.) There were heavy rains in Gulbarga District during the last week of September 1970. No crops have, however, been affected except pulses and minor millets like greengram and blackgram. No collapse of houses or loss of human life